

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/527,699**  
Amendment filed May 10, 2007  
Reply to OA dated December 15, 2006

**REMARKS**

The Response is concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Request for Continued Examination enters the remarks in the Response filed on April 12, 2007.

No amendment was proposed in the Response dated April 12, 2007. In the Advisory Action mailed April 30, 2007, the Examiner indicates that the request for reconsideration has been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner states on page 2 of the Advisory action that our arguments **raise new issues and require further search and/or consideration**.

Since the Examiner has indicated that the remarks to be entered raise new issues and require further search and/or consideration, Applicant respectfully requests that the next Office action in response to this RCE be **non-final**.

Consideration of the remarks of April 12, 2007, and reconsideration of the rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

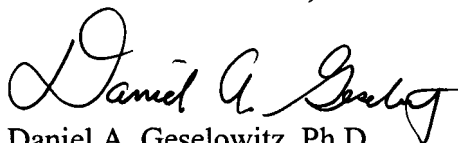
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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